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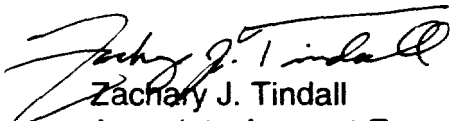
Dear Sir/Madam:

On September 6, 2000, on behalf of the Smart Buildings Policy Project I submitted to Chairman Kennard, Commissioner Ness, Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth, Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Tristani and Wireless Bureau Chief, Tom Sughrue the attached article from TR Daily dated September 5, 2000. Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the FCC's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), I am submitting to the Secretary four copies of this *ex parte* presentation.

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Should there be any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 202-835-8800.

Very truly yours,


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